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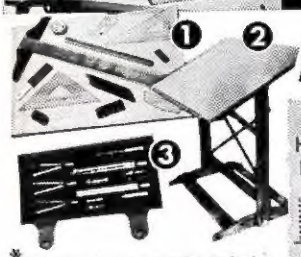

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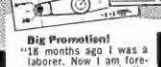

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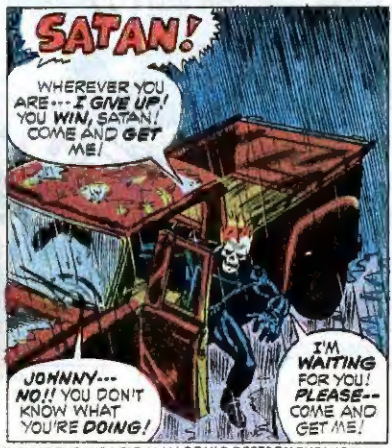

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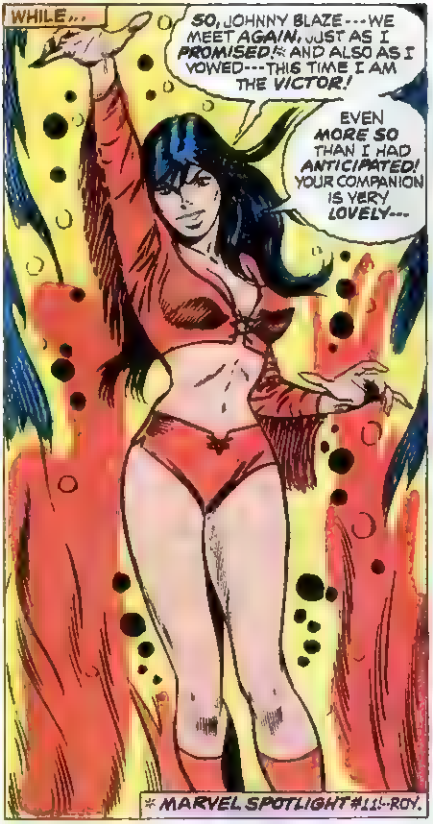

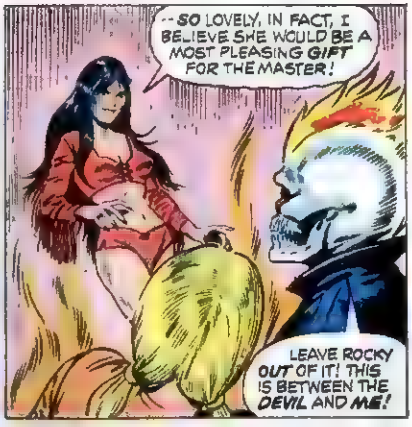

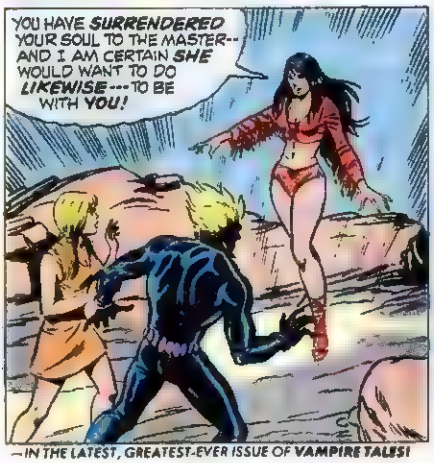

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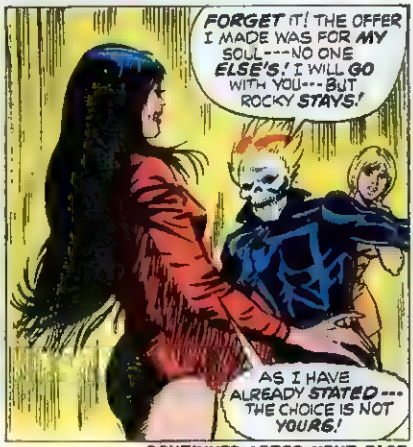

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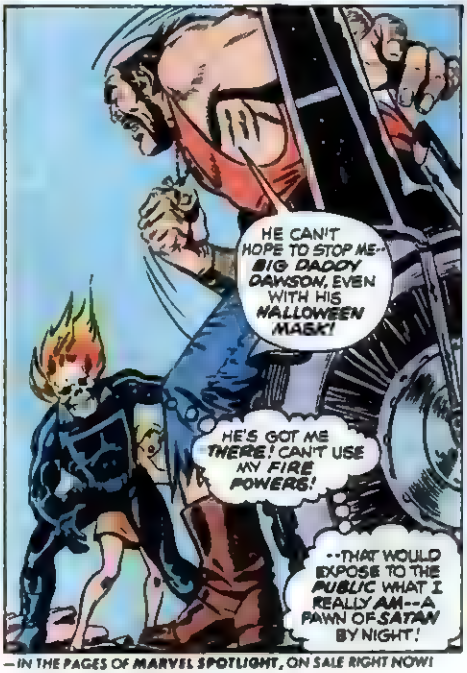

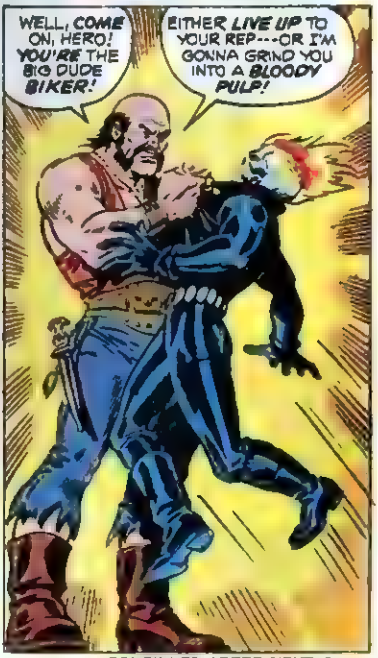

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ITEM! You might've guessed — and probably did — that when mirthful Marvel finally produced a full-scale parody mag, we'd do it with a vengeance! And we have! On July 10th, the first far-out issue of our brand-new CRAZY *Magazine* goes on sale — headlining some of the biggest, brightest names in the humor field! We'll let you dig the full details on our awe-inspiring *ad* elsewhere in this issue (it was specially designed by MARV WOLFMAN, who's been helping STAN and ROY get it all together) — but we can't resist telling you that, just for the heck of it, a bunch of our Bullpen biggies couldn't resist turning Hollywood on us and posing for a host of gagged-up *photos* therein! Why not try an ish, effendi? That's CRAZY — just 40¢ for 52 big pages, wherever magazines are displayed!

ITEM! This month likewise heralds the mind-bending beginning of a startling new series we call THE SON OF SATAN. This one not only picks up where GHOST RIDER left off in the pages of MARVEL SPOTLIGHT, but guest-stars our supernatural cyclist just for good measure. Sneak a peek at what Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH and Happy HERB TRIMPE are layin' down — and see if you don't find Daimon Hellstrom, THE SON OF SATAN, one of the most phantasmagorical new Marvel creations of all!

ITEM! Make way for — SATANA! That's right — our Son of Satan hero-villain is barely out of the brimstone bag, and already he's sporting a sinister (but beautiful) *sister!* Strictly speaking, she's the Devil's Daughter, not a full-fledged kissing cousin of Count Dracula, but nonetheless she'll be bat-winging it your way in the second great issue of VAMPIRE TALES, now on sale (as is the third big ish of MONSTERS UNLEASHED, for that matter). Who knows? Between Satana and the macabre Morbius VAMPIRE TALES may just give our smash DRACULA LIVES title a run for its blood-money!

ITEM! Looks like it's cross-over time at mixed-up Marvel! Try *these* tantalizin' tidbits on for size: • Remember the android called the Recorder from THOR? Well, he's more enigmatic and eerie than ever in the pages of WARLOCK — now on sale! • Meanwhile, Kraven the Hunter (let's see now — what mag *was* that he appeared in, again?) stalks DAREDEVIL in the nighted streets of San Francisco, and one Dr. Spectrum (formerly of AVENGERS infamy) is trying for revenge on IRON MAN! • All this, plus a titanic clash between wall-crawling SPIDER-MAN and the savage SUB MARINER in the current ish of MARVEL TEAM-UP, oughtta keep a few heads spinning till next time!

ITEM! Oh yes — we almost forgot! We want to apologize for accidentally misleading a few of you in a recent Bullpen Bulletins, when we mistakenly reported the cover price of our *new* HAUNT OF HORROR digest-size magazine at 60¢ instead of the correct 75¢. We mixed it up for a moment with MONSTER MADNESS — which itself has just added fifteen coppers to its price and a bunch of pages to its format, to become (under Roy and our hard-working new recruit TONY ISABELLA) a bigger bargain than ever! If you don't believe us, pick up our fabulous fourth issue — which zeroes in on none other than the immortal KING KONG — and see what we mean!

ITEM! A reminder that SAVAGE TALES #2 should still be on sale, if you're living right! This one features work by the likes of THOMAS, SMITH, BUSCEMA, KANE, BRUNNER, and top comic-strip illustrator AL WILLIAMSON. Matter of fact, Roy and Jeanie Thomas just paid a whirlwind weekend visit to Al's rural retreat especially to line up some of the finest action sketches you'd ever want to see — just to decorate the pages of SAVAGE TALES, which may just be the supreme achievement yet in the cataclysmic career of CONAN THE BARBARIAN. 'Nuff said?

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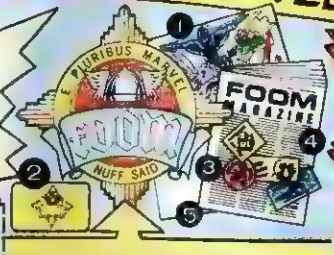

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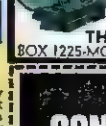

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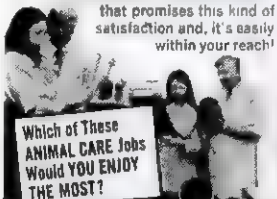

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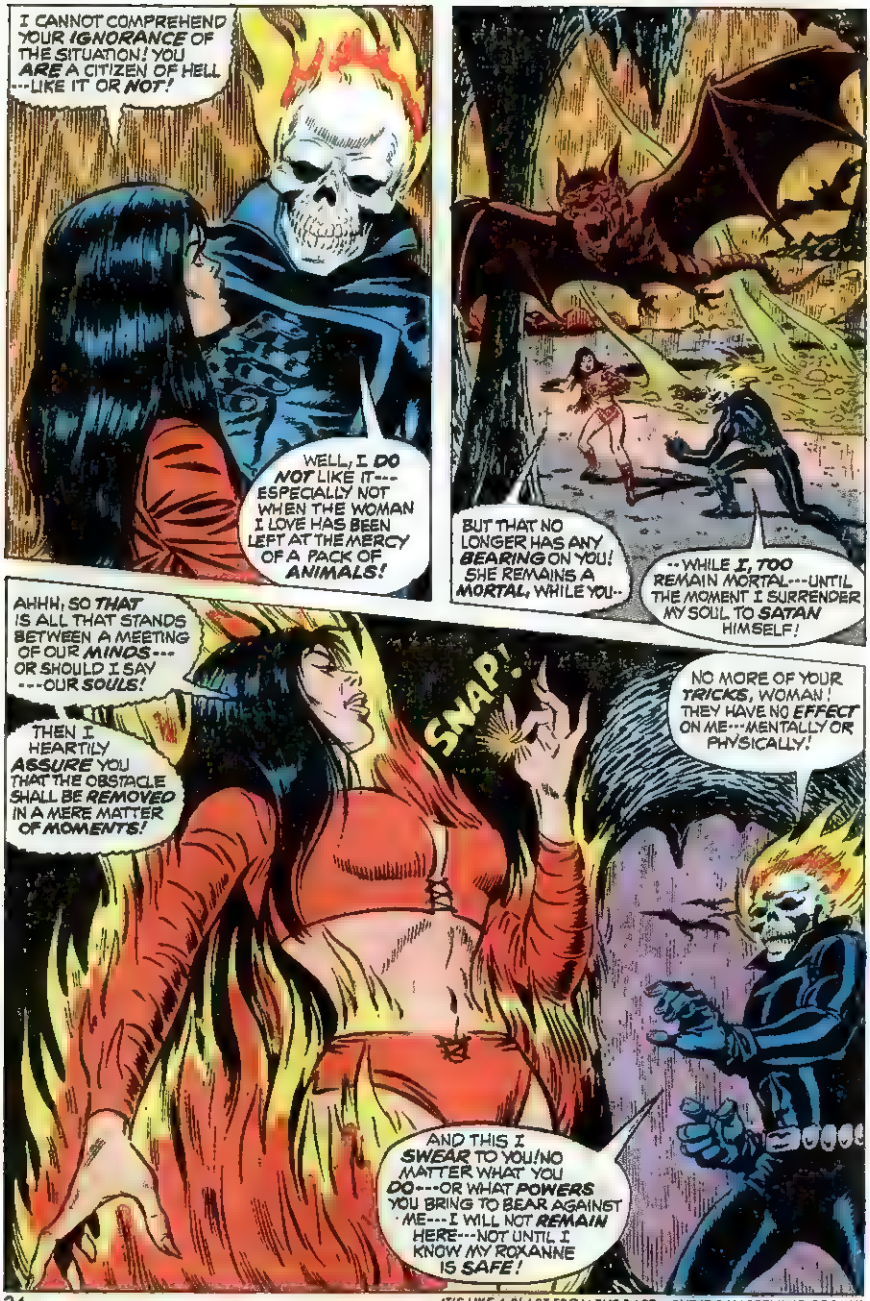

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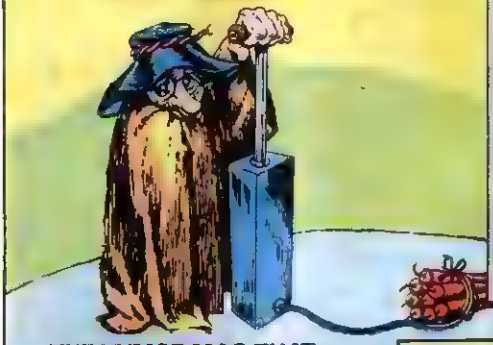

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Bullpen,

I think I've finally got it figured out, and I'd kinda like to spell it out so you can catch me if I'm wrong, purely in the interest of furthering the knowledge of mankind as a whole, and Marveldom Assembled as an entirely separate species.

The Ghost Rider made a pact with the devil to trade the life of "Crash" for his soul (isn't the devil ever interested in Cadillacs and color t.v.'s? Oh, well, minor side point). Now, when the adversary comes to claim his soul, Johnny complains that he didn't get a fair deal, right? So, ol' Nick (hmph!), being the soft touch he is, lets the kid off easy, because of Roxy's ... ahhh ... em... "aura of (gag) goodness." Which to my mind is just so much horse manure, but let's just stuff past that one, okay.

Now, so far he's beaten Satan at his own game, completely without the help, or even the mention, as far as I can remember, of God. Pretty good, eh?

Now however, it seems that not only is he stronger then his creator (Beelzebub is incapable of forcing Johnny to Hell, *ergo*, Johnny must be stronger, right?) but the only thing he seems to be doing to save his soul is to run around throwing Hellfire, killing people, and calling himself the "Son of Satan." Seems to me I'd head for the nearest church!!

So let's balance off the scales a bit by bringing God into the picture (not literally) and give Johnny some definite avenue of escape from the Adversary.

Anyway, as I've always said, for clear, concise, well thought out story lines, Make Mine Marvel!

Nick Francesco
(no address given)

Though it's never actually been firmly established, Nick, we suspect that Johnny Blaze can't go to God (or even Odin or Adam Warlock!) for help because of the evil origin of his powers. Who knows? Entering a church might be as deadly for Johnny as the sign of the cross is to Dracula.

Besides, if we provide G.R. with a "definite avenue of escape" from his curse, he'd be pretty dumb not to take it—and there goes one brand new title shot to ... eh, Heaven??

Anyway, more comments on the Johnny Blaze/Roxanne/Satan relationship follow:

Marvel,

I am offended by the manner in which you portray the Church of Satan in GHOST RIDER #7. Satanists do not slay living creatures as sacrifices. You have only made the ignorant more ignorant. I quote from the "Book of Lucifer" in the *Satanic Bible*:

> Under no circumstances would a Satanist sacrifice any animal or baby! For centuries, propagandists of the right-hand path have been prattling over the supposed sacrifices of small children and voluptuous maidens at the hands of diabolists. It would be thought that anyone reading or hearing of these heinous accounts would immediately question their authenticity, taking into consideration the biased sources of these stories. On the contrary, as with all "holy" lies which are accepted without reservation, this assumed *modus operandi* of the Satanists persists to this day!

I find you guilty of the act that Anton La Vey describes in his preface:

> With very few exceptions, every tract and paper, every "secret" grimoire, all the "great works" on the subject of magic, are nothing more than sanguinolious fraud — guilt-ridden ramblings and esoteric gibberish by chroniclers of magical lore unable or unwilling to present an objective view of the subject. Writer after writer, in efforts to state the principles of "white and black magic," have succeeded instead in clouding the entire issue so badly that the would-be student of sorcery winds up ... making a blithering fool of himself in the eyes of those who *know!*

I strongly suggest that you correct this in future issues of your magazines.

Todd Clark
(no address given)

You're right, Todd, and we apologize. Actually, our error was in referring to that devil-worshipping cult in MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #7 as the Church of Satan. There are, of course, other diabolist sects, and this was one of those, Okay?

For a parallel of sorts, we can refer you to our black-and-white magazine TALES OF THE ZOMBIE, which makes it clear that there are several types of voodoo cults, also: the so-called "red sects", which do offer up human sacrifices, and the sects to whom voodoo is a way of life, a religion.

Sorry about the inconsistency. We'll watch it in the future.

Dear Stan, Roy, Gary, and Mike,

I just finished GHOST RIDER #9, which was really great. Just one question though. Why does Snake Dance look so much like the snake priest of rock, Alice Cooper?

Keep up the good work, and how about a team-up of the Ghost Rider and the Silver Surfer?

Mike Collins
357 East 193 St.
Bronx, N.Y. 10458

Ghost Rider and the Surfer? why stop there, Mike? Maybe we can get the real Alice Cooper to join in...and if ol' Norrin Radd can talk Brian Wilson into joining the group ...well, just think of it! Sky-riding motorcycle blizzarrist surfin' music! (Or, as F. Zappa might put it: no commercial potential.)

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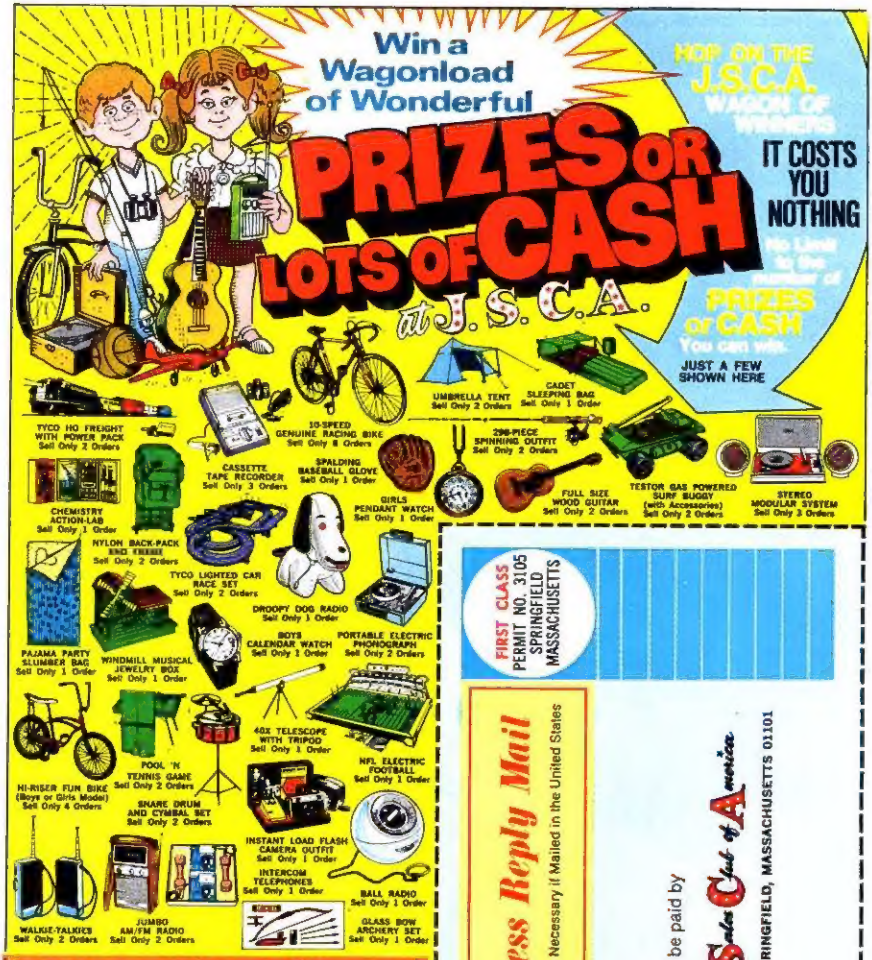

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